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**ANCHORAGE MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT TO ATTEMPTED
POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE WITH THE INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE**

Anchorage, Alaska - United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on October 11, 2007, Sinakone Phonsavang, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, pled guilty in federal court to attempting to possess methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.

Mr. Phonsavang, age 27, pled guilty before Chief United States District Court Judge John W. Sedwick.

In connection with the guilty plea, Assistant United States Attorney Shawn C. Fuller advised the court that on September 13, 2007, Mr. Phonsavang took possession of a parcel sent from Southern California that contained approximately 200 grams of methamphetamine. The methamphetamine was concealed inside a stuffed animal which was sent to the defendant's residence. The methamphetamine had an approximate street value of \$20,000.

Judge Sedwick scheduled sentencing for January 9, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. The crime to which Mr. Phonsavang pled guilty carries a range of imprisonment from five to forty years. Mr. Phonsavang is currently in federal custody pending sentencing.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration Interdiction Task Force conducted the investigation that led to the successful prosecution of Mr. Phonsavang.

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